

Harrington Park Recreation Commission Meeting  
October 13, 2021 8:00 pm minutes

Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission scheduled for October 13, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Recreation Commission of Harrington Park October 13, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. EST Link to Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746?Pwd=Nm1BQWFsNjFpT1JmVks3WkQzMydz09) Pwd=Nm1BQWFsNjFpT1JmVks3WkQzMydz09 Meeting ID:# 693 694 4746 Access Code: 08052020

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER Chairman's Announcement**

Patrick Kramer opened the meeting at 8:07 pm with the following public announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>COMMISSION Members</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
(KK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer (chair)	x	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly		x
(JF) Jennifer Fischer	x	
(RH) Robert Hwang	x	
(MP) Mahdad Parsi	x	
(AP) Ashley Plescia		x
(MS) Matthew Saland	x	
(JC) Councilwoman Chung	x	
(LT) Lara Toomin, Recreation Director	x	

The meeting was opened to the public, and Bruce and Jane Marshall, Mike Gonzalez and other residents spoke about their desire to create a pickleball court in town. Bruce Marshall felt \$30,000 would create a court. The Recreation Commission agreed to discuss and advise. One issue might be the noise created by play of pickleball.

Harrington Park CFO KJ Trivedi gave the Recreation Commission an overview of finance reports. He explained that trust accounts roll over every year and that all trust accounts have to be approved by the state. He advised that Recreation Commission members focus on the beginning balance of the current year. He also stated that money received for Town Day must only be used for Town Day. Field use fees can be used for field maintenance or field-related costs. Refunds and changes in fees must be approved by Mayor and Council resolution.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 8, 2021:** Jen moved to approve, second Kelly. All in favor. Carried.

**TOWN PROGRAMS**

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Town Day (recap) Sports should be in a more visible location; it was nice that the cost to visitors was low or nothing. The items we had from FunTime Services (train, archery, mini golf, soccer) were good. We should try for rock wall too. Rob would like to have fireworks. The DJ was very good with the kids, but his selection of music could be updated.

911 Memorial (recap) The ceremony was beautiful. We need better speakers.

Ragamuffin The event will be on Saturday 10/30 at 11:00. Joon Chung will speak with the emergency personnel. HP Teens and Junior Women will participate.

**PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING**

DPW Check-in (fields)

Pondside

Highland Field

George Street

HP School

Beechwood

Don Horsey

Columbus Field

Tennis

Other Items/updates The Renegade softball team emailed the Mayor about high field fees. The Commission was in agreement that the decision that was made earlier in the year needed to be carried out for everyone. Joon will relate the message back to the Mayor and Council.

The travel baseball Knights team will be disbanded. Northern Valley baseball commissioners are working together to create a better situation, possibly including a Little League team. Harrington Park children will be welcomed into the Closter summer baseball program. There may be training over the winter as well. Harrington Park rec teams will be able to use our fields.

Indoor soccer will take place and should be able to use the gym.

Pickleball: members will visit courts and explore the noise level. To be discussed at the November meeting.

Mahdad asked about the hut renovation; Joon reported that it has been confirmed. The bid package should arrive soon. We will have one year to complete. The Rec Commission should look for roofers and think about what should be included in the specs.

The ADA bathroom should be bid out in April and finished by Town Day (construction to start in June). We want security and wifi. The Borough will receive about \$450,000.00 from the American Rescue Act for COVID-related expenses. Perhaps some security fees can come from there.

Open to the Public (none present)

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Adjourn meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 10, at 8:00 pm